(c) whether the Government propose to place all orders for big machines used in public sector units with this factory so as to save it from closure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. At present, the order book position of the Company is satisfactory.

(c) All efforts are being made to procure further orders from the Steel/Coal/Mining and other core sector industries.

[*English*]

Fair Price Shops run by Kendriya Bhandar

1051. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kendriya Bhandar is running the Fair Price Shops properly and effectively;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of complaints received by the Union Government, Department of Food and Supplies of Delhi Administration and the Kendriya Bhandar in the matter during the last one year and the action taken thereon;

(d) whether in the month of September, 1991, a large number of card-holders were deprived of the quota of wheat;

(e) if so, the details of the supplies received by the Fair Price Shops of the Bhandar during the last three months; and

(f) the steps taken to revamp the public distribution system of the Kendriya Bhandar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b). Delhi Administration has indicated that their working is satisfactory.

(c) Seven complaints were received by Delhi Administration/Kendriya Bhandar. All complaints were looked into and corrective steps taken wherever necessary.

(d) and (e). Information was obtained through Delhi Administration Details of supply of PDS wheat of 34 Fair Price Shops run by Kendriya Bhandar are as under:-

Month 1991	*Total requirement as per food cards*	*Qty. Supplied*	*Closing balance*
August	4060	3454	1113
September	4715	3110	721
October	5435	3500	1161

Thus, there was sufficient quantity of wheat in the shops. The U.T.Admn. has also indicated that no complaint from any card-holder has been received regarding his quota of what being denied to him.

(f) Monitoring of the supply of ration items has been strengthened.

Operation of IMB Group

1052. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the IBM has since been permitted to resume operations in India in partnership with the Tata Group ;and

(b) if so, the detail fo the project approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). M/s. Tata Industries Ltd., Bombay have been accorded approval by the Government for setting up a joint venture in India in financial and technical collaboration with M/s. IBM World Trade Corpn., USA, for the manufacture, marketing and export of computer systems including input and output devices, network products, and maintenance services.

[*Translation*]

Water Supply Scheme in Ranchi with World Bank Assistance

1053. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHRY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any water supply scheme is in operation in Ranchi (Bihar) with the assistance of World Bank of some other International agency;

(b) if so, the detail thereof;

(c) the cost of such scheme and the year of its completion;

(d) whether there is any delay in the works under this scheme; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARAUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.

[*English*]

Allocation of essential commodities to U.P

1054. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of essential commodities and edible oils allotted and supplied to Uttar Pradesh from June 1991 to date; and

(b) how does it compare with the quantity alloted during the last three years?,

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINITRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b). Allocation and lifting of PDS commodities for Uttar Pradesh during June, 1991 to November, 1991 and during the corresponding period in preceeding three years are given in the attached Statement.